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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Serial No. .... 10/699,160  
Filing Date ..... October 30, 2003  
Inventor ..... Shigeharu Kanemoto  
Assignee ..... Satake Corporation, and Riviana Foods, Inc.  
Group Art Unit ..... 1761  
Examiner ..... Kelly J. Mahafkey  
Attorney's Docket No. .... IS8-045  
Customer No. .... 021567  
Title: Process for Preparing Instant Rice and Product Thereof

**RESPONSE TO MAY 15, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

To: Mail Stop Amendment  
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Responsive to the Office Action dated May 15, 2006, Applicant amends  
and remarks as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

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